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Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Eleventh meeting
Geneva, 3–6 September 2018
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1
Opening of the meeting

1. The eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal will be held at the Geneva International Conference Centre, 17 rue de Varembé, Geneva, from 3 to 6 September 2018. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 September.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2
Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/1/Rev.1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a scenario note for its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the meeting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/2) prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group.

5. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision BC-13/17, on Monday, 3 September, and Thursday, 6 September, simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided in plenary sessions. Thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Government of Switzerland, one additional day of plenary sessions with interpretation will be provided on Tuesday, 4 September. On Wednesday, 5 September, meetings of contact and other groups will be held in English only.

6. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to agree to meet in plenary on Monday, 3 September, Tuesday, 4 September and Thursday, 6 September from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as appropriate.

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7. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.

Item 3
Matters related to the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019

8. The Open-ended Working Group will consider several sub-items under agenda item 3. The sub-items are listed below in the order in which they appear on the provisional agenda, which is not necessarily the order of priority for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group. They will be taken up as decided by the co-chairs in consultation with the Bureau.

(a) Strategic issues

(i) Strategic framework

9. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a note by the Secretariat on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/2) and a draft compilation of information related to the indicators to be used for the preparation of the final evaluation of the strategic framework (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/3). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/2.

(ii) Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management

10. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on the development of guidelines for environmentally sound management (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/3), on a practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/4), on guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/5), on guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/6), on revised draft practical manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for environmentally sound management (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/7) and on a report of the activities undertaken by the expert working group (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/8). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/3.

(b) Scientific and technical matters

(i) Technical guidelines

a. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

11. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on technical guidelines (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4), on draft updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/9), on draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with short-chain chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/10), on draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, and tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether, to include decabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/11), on draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, pentachlorobenzene or polychlorinated naphthalenes, to include hexachlorobutadiene (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/12), on draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/13) and on a compilation of comments and information received pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision BC-13/4 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/14). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the action proposed in paragraph 16 of document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4.

b. Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

12. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on technical guidelines (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4), on draft updated technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/15), on responses received to the revised questionnaire developed pursuant to paragraph 11 of decision BC-12/5 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/16) and on comments received from Parties and others pertaining to paragraph 5 of decision BC-12/5 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/17). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in paragraph 29 of document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4.

c. Technical guidelines on incineration on land and on specially engineered landfill

13. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on technical guidelines (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4), on draft updated technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/18) and on draft updated technical guidelines on specially engineered landfill (D5) (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/19). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in paragraph 40 of document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4.

d. Consideration of whether to update the technical guidelines on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment and biological treatment

14. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a note by the Secretariat on technical guidelines (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in paragraph 40 of document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/4.

(ii) National reporting

15. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on national reporting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/5) and on information received on the types of wastes for which practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/20). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/5.

(iii) Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

16. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/6) and on information submitted by Parties and others on their experiences with electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/21). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/6.

(iv) Marine plastic litter and microplastics

17. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on marine plastic litter and microplastics (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/7), on a report on possible options available under the Convention to further address marine plastic litter and microplastics (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/22), on a compilation of information on activities related to marine plastic litter and microplastics undertaken by regional and coordinating centres (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/22/Add.1) and on the outcome of the Ad hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/23). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/7.

(v) Waste containing nanomaterials

18. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on waste containing nanomaterials (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/8), on information on existing activities that address waste containing nanomaterials and issues related to such wastes that may be relevant to the work under the Basel Convention, and on a report identifying issues related to waste containing nanomaterials that may be relevant to work under the Basel Convention and setting out options for further work that may be carried out under the Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/24). The Open-ended Working

Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/8.

(vi) Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention

19. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on an application for the removal of wastes from Annex IX to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/14) and on an addendum to the application containing answers to the questions received from Parties (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/36). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/14.

(c) Legal, governance and enforcement matters

(i) Consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance

20. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/9), on revised draft guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/25), on revised draft guidance on improving national reporting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/26), on a revised draft guide for the development of national legal frameworks to implement the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/27), on draft guidance on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Article 6 of the Convention on transit transboundary movements (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/28) and on a draft work programme for 2020–2021 for the Committee (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/29). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/9.

(ii) Providing further legal clarity

21. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a note by the Secretariat on providing further legal clarity (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/10), a note by the co-chairs of the expert working group on the review of annexes on the way forward for the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/30) and a compilation of comments received, pursuant to the invitation set out in decision BC-13/17, on whether to consider the review of Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/31). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/10.

(d) International cooperation and coordination

(i) Basel Convention Partnership Programme

22. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on the Basel Convention Partnership Programme (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/11), on a report on the follow-up to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/32) and on draft modules for the overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/33). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/11.

(ii) Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

23. The Open-ended Working Group has before it notes by the Secretariat on cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/12) and on the outcome of the discussions of the Harmonized System Review Subcommittee at its May 2017, December 2017 and June 2018 sessions and of the Harmonized System Committee at its February 2018 session (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/34). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided and to consider the action proposed in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/12.

(e) Financial matters

24. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a note by the Secretariat on a report on financial matters from January 2016 to April 2018 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/35). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided.

Item 4
Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2020–2021

25. The Open-ended Working Group has before it a note by the Secretariat on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2020–2021 (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/13). The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the action proposed therein.

Item 5
Other matters

26. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

Item 6
Adoption of the report

27. At the last session of its meeting, the Open-ended Working Group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 7
Closure of the meeting

28. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by a co-chair by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 6 September 2018.